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Owing Largely to the Long-Continued
Drought.

The Features of the Market and the
Variety Which is Offered to
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Persons familiar with the Center market and the luxuriant profusion of the good things of life it usually presents on a Saturday morning at the time of year 'were struck today by the poor appearance of the vast structure, so far as its contents were concerned, especially in the lower central wing, which is given up to the vendors of vegetables, fruits and produce of that character. There was something else that was also noticeable, and this was the small number of wagons along the B street front and the other thoroughfares adjacent to the market, which usually occupy every inch of

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an excellent opportunity for securing bargains in vegetables fresh from the farm. Of course, there was no lack of a supply necessary for the demands of customers, but instead of great piles of fresh and small quantities of vegetables there were only small quantities of vegetables, and these were held at prices almost as high as those which obtain in the early spring for the fresh products from Florida, Georgia and the South, which come in to take the place of the winter canned goods. The reason for this state of affairs at the Center market is that in the six simple letters that compose the word "war," the letter "a" has been managed to save first priority for the production of corn crops in the contiguous states of Maryland and Virginia. These were sufficient to

resuscitate the scorched out vegetation, which, had the season been propitious, would have been ready for market at this time—and the

President, the scorched out vegetation, which would have been more for use at high water time, and the consequence is that fresh things are scarce and prices are high. Although the market this morning struck good business, the prices, in spite of these drawbacks, and retail prices, while fluctuating slightly, were found to be about as follows: Tomatoes were 25 cents a peck, lime beans 15 cents a peck, corn 18 cents a dozen; sweet potato, 10 cents a peck; Irish potatoes, 35 cents a peck, and corn, 10 and 12 cents apiece for not particularly desirable. Cymbalings were remarkably plentiful and cheap, 10 cents a bushel, while egg plants and beets were a nickel apiece and a bunch, respectively. Onions were 10 cents a bushel.

Fruit was very high for this season of the year. Fair to middling peaches commanded 20

Fair to middling peaches commanded 30 cents a quarter of a peck. Concord grapes 12 cents a bushel. The Delaware variety 3 cents a bushel. The medium-sized native watermelons brought from 10 to 35 cents each, and cantaloupes 10 and 15 cents apiece. Apples were high, at 35 cents a peck for varieties that looked particularly colicky; pears, of which there were a good many, 25 cents in market, 75 cents a peck, and pineapples 15 and 25 cents each. There was a great quantity of poultry displayed, but the dressed fowls looked tired and uninviting. Chickens were 18 and 20 cents a pound for the best, while ducks brought 16 cents. There were a few turkeys

market was brisk, and low prices prevailed, except for white perch, which were scarce and commanded 15 cents per pound. At one

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100 and 50. Native cheese was 20 cents a pound and American switzer brought 25 cents per pound. There was limberger in market also, but no one had the hardboiled

pound an American switzer brought 25 cents per pound. There was limberger in market also, but no one had the hardihood to define its price. Eggs were 18 cents a dozen, while selected ones commanded 25 cents. Beef was plentiful, and the butchers did a good business. Prime roast was 18 and extra prime 20 cents. Corned beef was 15, tenderloin 20 and 25, and 15, according to the cut. Mutton was 15 cents a pound and lamb 15 and 20. Corned ham was at any quantity from 12 to 12 cents a pound. There was buttrle fresh pork displayed, and 12½ cents a pound was the price asked, while linked fresh sausage brought 10 cents. Corned sausage, smoked sausage, bologna and similar lines of goods were 10 cents

away around on the B street side of the market profuse quantities of the gladdening, soul-inspiring tripe were sold to a

pond. Huh! was found at a restaurant away around on the E. street side of the market produce quantities of the gladdening, soul-inspiring tripe were sold to all comers at the even price of 8 cents per pound.

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AN OLD TRICK.

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These Parents Can Get Their Baby on Demand.

It was an old trick, but it worked just as well as if it had never been tried before in this or any other city. The baby in the case is now being cared for by the authorities.

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reached here this morning there was a nicely dressed young couple and the wife had in her arms a pretty little baby that was wrapped up in a shawl. They were apparently very fond of the young one and lavished all sorts of expressions of affection upon it. They were so fond of it, in fact, that when the boat tied up at her wharf and the young couple found that they had to go across the street for a moment on an errand the mother did not leave the baby alone, but she took it in her arms and held it close to her breast. I noticed that she had a bunch of keys hanging from her belt and I thought for fear some one might steal it in her absence, and it was such a long way to carry a heavy child.

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a moment? Thanks, I thought you would. You are so kind. I'll be right back." This to an elderly colored woman who was standing by and who looked to be a very good-natured woman.

This happened this morning. The young couple have not yet come back. They very often don't come back under circumstances like these. The kindly old lady held the baby for an hour or two and then she took it to police headquarters for further information and directions. The police took her from her weary arms, and this afternoon it was sent to St. Ann's Infant Asylum, where it will be kept until called for by its fond and ardent parents.

BANANA MEN RAIDED.

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There was an exciting scene at Pennsylvania avenue and 17th street this afternoon a few minutes before 3 o'clock, when the Italian banana, fruit and candy men were raided. The push-cart merchants started off in every direction, but the officers captured six of them and took them to the station for obstructing the street. One man escaped.

Made Good.

James P. Hambleton, the young man who was arrested yesterday by Detective Horne

charged with passing a bogus check for \$50 on Cashier J. Martyn of the Adams Express Company, was released this morning, as the

charged with passing a bogus check for \$300 on Cashier J. Martin of the Adams Express Company, was released this morning, as the people interested in the case refused to prosecute him, and it is understood that the amount has been made good by the young man's friends.

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Grounds of Mrs. Tyree's Claim.

It is understood that the grounds upon which Bettie L. Tyree, the actress, bases her bill for divorce against Druggist Joseph Tyree are desertion and non-support since May, 1892. No defense, it is said by friends of the parties, will be offered by the defendant.

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An Undertaker Warned.

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Health Officer Woodward today laid letters addressed to an undertaker and the authorities of a cemetery concerning the burial of a body. A permit for one cemetery was given and the body was buried in another. Dr. Woodward notified the undertaker and the superintendent of the cemetery that a repetition of the offense would result in a Police Court trial.

Range of the Thermometer.
The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 68; 2 p.m., 70; maximum, 80; minimum, 61.